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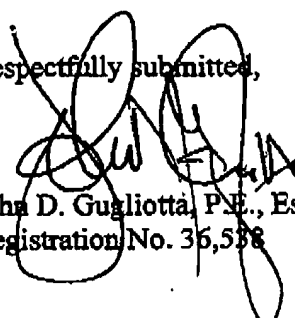
Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicants previous remarks/arguments are considered moot in view of the new grounds for rejection.

The claims as amended have been allowed. Claim 19 was objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but claim 18 has been amended to remove reference to claim 8, which has been canceled. Therefore, claims 19 and 20 should also be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,


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